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O GOD all-maker,
keeper, and guide:
Inurement
of thy rare-seene,
vnused, & seeld-
heard-of good-
nesse, powred in
so plentiful sort vpon vs full oft, breeds
now this boldnes, to craue with bow-
ed knees, and hearts of humilitie, thy
large hand of helping power, to assit
with wonder our iust cause, not foun-
ded on Prides-motion, nor begun on
Malice-stock; But as thou best know-
est, to whom nought is hid, grounded
on iust defence from wrongs, hate,
and bloody desire of conquest. For
since, meanes thou hast imparted to
saue that thou hast giuen, by enioying

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such a people, as scornes their bloodshed, where suretie ours is one: Fortifie (deare G O D) such hearts in such sort, as their best part may be worst, that to the truest part meant worst, with least losse to such a Nation, as despise their liues for their Countreys good. That all Forreine lands may laud & admire the Omnipotencie of thy worke: a fact alone for thee only to performe. So shall thy Name be spread for wonders wrought, and the faithfull encouraged, to repose in thy vnfellowed Grace: And we that minded nought but right, inchained in thy bonds for perpetuall flauerie, and liue & die the sacrificers of our soules for such obtained fauour. War-
rant, deare Lord, all this
with thy command.

A M E N.



Oft mighty God
and mercifull Fa-
ther, as hitherto
of thyne infinite
goodnes thou hast
very miraculou-
ly protected thy
humble Seruant
our Soueraigne
Lady & Queene,

and all vs her subiects the people of her
Dominions, frō many dangerous con-
spiracies, malicious attempts, and Wic-
ked designements of her and our very
obstinate & irremediable enemies : Foras-
much as they still continue their ma-
lice, & preparing their Forces to assaile
vs both by Land & Sea, thou (O Lord)
to Withstand their furie, hast stirred by
the heart of thine Anoynted our Soue-
raigne, to send out some of her Forces
for our defence : We thine vnworthy ser-
nants doe most humbly beseech thee,
through the merites of our Saviour
Christ, so to conduct them, encourage
them,

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them, and defend them with thy strong and mightie arme, as that whatsoeuer they shall attempt and take in hand for defence of this Realme against her enemies, may prosper and haue most happy successe. Direct & leade them (O Lord) in safetie, strengthen their Governours and Leaders with sound counsell and valiant resolution. Blessè their conflicts with notable victozies both by Sea and Land: preserue them from all contagion and mortalitie either by Worde or sicknesse, and giue vnto them (O Lord) if it be thy blessed Will, such an honourable and happy returne, as may tend to our defence by cōfusiō of our enenuies, to the renowne & comfort of our Soueraigne, to the benefite of thy Church, to the good of this Kingdome, and to the prayse and glory of thy most mighty Name, through Iesu Christ our Lord:

To whom with thee and the holy
Ghost be ascribed all honour,
power, and dominion,
both nowe and for
euer. Amen.

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Most mightie GOD,
and Lorde of Hostes,
which reignest ouer all
the Kingdomes of the
World, Who hast pow-
er in thine hand to saue
thy chosen, & to iudge
thine Enemies, and in all ages hast gi-
uen great and glorious Victories vnto
thy Church, with small handfuls ouer-
throwing great multitudes and terri-
ble Armies: Let thine eares be now at-
tent vnto our prayers, and thy merci-
full eye vpon this Realme & kingdome.
And as of thine vnspeakeable goodnes
thou hast blessed vs with infinite and
extraordinary blessings, all the yeres of
her Maiesties most happy reigne ouer
vs, and of late hast also myraculously
deliuered vs from sundry the bloody
practises of our very implacable ene-
mies: So now, We humbly beseech thee
(O mercifull Father) to ayde vs with
thy mighty Arme in this our present iust
cause, Waging warre not in pride or am-
bition of mind, or any other worldly re-
spect, but onely for the necessary defence

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of Religion, our liues, and Countrey. Be mercifull therefore, O Lord, to our present Forces, and passing ouer both their transgressions and ours, prosper them both by Sea and land. Giue our Leaders & companies, the strength of Unicomes, the hearts of Lyons, armes of Steele, hands of iron, and feete of flint, to beate and tread downe all thine enemies and ours. Let thine helpe from aboue at this time strengthen our Nauy and Armie, thy mercie ouershadowe them, thy power as a wall of fire enuiron them, thy Wisedome direct them, thy prouidence secure them, thine holy Angels garde them, thy Sonne our Lorde Jesus Christ stand vp for them, and thy Justice confound, and Maiestie ouerwhelme all aduersarie power exalting it selfe against this land and thy Gospel. That all the world may know, that it is thy fauour that prospereth, thy blessing that preserueth, and thine arme that overcommeth in the day of battell. So we that be thy people and sheepe of thy folde, shall sing vnto thy glorie the songs of prayse and thankesgiuing, and magnifie

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magnifie thy goodnesse in the midst of
thine holy Temple for ever, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, our onely Sa-
uour and Mediatour. Amen.



Almightie Lorde
God of Hostes, it
is thine owne gra-
cious promise, that
when thy people
shall go out to bat-
tell against their
enemies, by the
way þ thou shalt
send them, & shall

call vpon thee for thy holy helpe, that
then thou (Lord) wilt heare their pray-
ers in heauen, and iudge their cause: In
assured trust of this thy good promise,
We present this our supplication before
thee. O Lorde iudge thou our cause,
iudge thou betweene vs and our cruell
enemies. Thou seest Lorde, that they
first inuaded vs, and so doe still conti-
nue, and not wee them: that they first
conspired to root vs out, that we might
be no more a people of English birth, and

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that then though thou from heauen diddest shew thy selfe, in scattering their proud forces, to be displeas'd with their attempt, yet notwithstanding by mightie preparations at this present they seeke our ruine still. That which armeth vs, is neither desire of enlarging our owne borders, nor thirst of blood, nor rauine of spoyle, but onely our owne iust defence, onely to breake the power of our enemies, and to turne away the battell from our owne gates: For that if we sit still, and suffer them to gather strength, they will suddenly make a breach vpon vs, and destroy the mother with the children. This they seeke, O Lord, & as thou seest, that the heart of thine Anointed in all her actions is vpright before thee, so mainteine thou our right, & be enemy to our enemies. Great is their malice (as thou Lord seest) and great is y^e mischief they intend against vs. Let not the wicked haue their desire: O Lord, let not their mischieuous imaginations prosper, least they be too proude. And albeit our many and grieuous iniquities may testifie against vs,
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and iustly deserue that thou shouldest
make the enemies sword the auenger of
thy couenant which wee haue broken;
Yet deale thou with vs according to thy
mercy, O Lord. We haue sinned, Lord,
doe thou vnto vs what seemeth good in
thine eyes: onely at this time wee pray
thee to succour vs, and not make vs a
scorne and derision to our oppressers.
The rather O Lord, for that wee put
not our trust in any strength of our
owne, but our eyes looke onely to thee.
We know, Lord, the battell is thine, and
that with thee it is nothing to saue with
many, or with few: For that except thou
command the winds, we can not stirre,
and except thou blesse with counsell and
courage, wee shall not preuaile, and all
these are in thine handes to giue or to
withholde. Helpe vs, O Lord God, for
we rest on thee, and in thy Name go we
foorth against these mightie preparati-
ons. O Lorde thou art our God, let
not man preuaile against thee: let thine
arme rise vp, and put on strength to pre-
serue vs now as of olde, euen the same
arme that was mightie for vs and a-
gainst

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gainst them in their former pride and furie.

Wherefore from thy holy Sanctuarie, O Lorde, open thine eyes and behold, incline thine eare and heare the prayer of thy seruants. Goe forth, O Lord, with our hostes by Sea and by land. Send forth the Windes out of thy treasures to bring them to the place appointed. Take all contagious sicknesse from the middest of them, O Lord the strength of our saluation. Couer their heads in the day of battell. Send thy feare before thy seruants, & make their enemies to flee and fal before them. Let thy faith (LORD) make them valiant in battell, and put to flight the Armies of Aliens. And by this shall we know, O Lorde, that thou fauourest vs, in that our enemye doeth not triumph ouer vs, and shall alwayes confesse to the prayse of thy Name, that it was thy hand, and that it was thou, LORD, the shield of our helpe, and sword of our glory, that hast done these great things for vs, and euermore say, Praise be the Lorde, that hath pleasure in the prosperitie of his seruants.

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Servants. heare vs, O Lord for the glorie of thy Name, for thy louing Mercie, and for thy trueth sake, euen for the merites and intercession of our Lord Iesus Christ. Amen.



Eternall God in power most mighty, in strength most glorious, Without Whom the Horse & Chariot is in vaine prepared against y^e day of battell: vouchsafe (Wee beseeche thee) from thy high throne of Maiestie, to heare and receiue the heartie & humble prayers, Which on bended knees, We y^e people of thy pasture and sheepe of thy hands, doe in an vn-fayned acknowledgement of thy might and our owne weakenesse, p^owe out before thee on the behalfe of our gracious Soueraigne, and on the behalfe of her Armies, her Nobles, her Valiants, and men of warre: Who by thee inspired haue put their liues in their hands, and at this time doe oppose themselues, against the malice and violence of such, as beare a mortall hate at thy Sion, and doe dayly conspire and rise vp against it,

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euē against the Church, thine Annoynted, and the people of this her Land. Arise then (O Lord) and stand by we pray thee, to helpe and defend them: be thou their Captaine to goe in and out before them, and to leadethem in this iourney: teache their fingers to fight, and their hands to make battaile. The Generall and Chieftaines blesse with the spirite of wiselome, counsell, and direction: the Souldiers with mindes ready to performe and execute. Gird them all with strength, and powre out vpon them the spirite of courage: giue them in the day of battell, heartes like the hearts of Lions, inuincible and fearelesse against euill, but terrible to such as come out against them. Where the enemy doeth rage, and danger approche, be thou (O Lord) a rocke of saluation, and a tower of defence vnto them. Breake the enemies Weapons: As smoke vanissheth, so let their enemies be scattered, and such as hate them, flie before them. Thou seest (O Lord) the malice of our aduersaries, howe for thy Name which is called on ouer vs, and for the trueth of thy Gospell

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Gospell wherein we reioyce, they beare a tyrannous hate against vs, continually vexing and troubling vs, that faine would liue in peace. Styre vpon therefore (O Lord) thy strength, and auenge our iust quarrell: turne the sword of our enemie vpon his owne head, and cause his delight in warre to become his owne destruction: As thou hast dealt with him heretofore, so now scatter his Forces, and spoile his mighty Ships, in which he trusteth. So shall we the people of thine inheritance, giue praise vnto thy Name, and for thy great mercy giue thankes vnto thee in the great Congregation: yea, the world shall know, and the Nations shall vnderstand to the praise of thy glory, that thou alone defendest them that trust in thee, and giuest victorie vnto Princes. Heare vs (O Lord our strength) in these our prayers for Iesus Christ his sake. Amen.



Almighty God, which onely doest great wonders, shewe forth (we pray thee) at this time the power of thy might,

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and the glorie of thy strength, by preserving our Armies at Sea & Land, from death and sicknesse, and all perils on the Sea, and by helping them in the Day of battell, against the rage and violence of the Aduersarie. Thou seest (O Lord) that not for any worldly respects, but for the defence of this Realme, and the peace of thy Church in it, this iourney is vndertaken, to abate & withstand the pride, and to daunt the insolencies of our enemies, who conspire and bandie themselves against vs, breathing out Wrath and vtter subuersion. Arise therefore Wee pray thee (O Lord of Hostes) vnto our helpe, & let our enemies feele that thou still defendest our iust cause, and in y^e Day of battell doest fight for vs. Not in our owne sword, nor in the arme of our owne flesh, doe Wee put our trust, but our trust is in the multitude of thy mercies, & in the strength of thy mightie Arme, who art God alone. Blessè therefore the Chieftaines & Leaders of our bands, with y^e spirit of wisdom, counsell, and magnanimitie, and the Souldiers with courage and fortitude, to stand vndaunted,

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vndaunted, & Without feare in the day
of battell. But as for their enemies, and
such as come out against them, cast a
feare & astonishment vpon them, that
they may fal, and couer their faces with
shame & confusion. That all the worlde
may know, that thou (O God) resistest
the proude and wicked men, and that
thou auengest the cause of such, as put
their trust in thee. Heare vs, O God of
Hostes, euen for Christ his sake our only
Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.



God most glorious, & shield
of al that trust in thee, who
alone doest sende Peace to
thy people, and causest
warre to cease in all the
world, Consider the dayly troubles of
thy seruants, & behold the malice of our
Aduersaries, who for thy Names sake,
which is called on ouer vs, and for the
trueth of thy Gospel wherein we reioyce,
doe conspire & band them selues against
vs, breathing out wrath and vtter sub-
uersion. Many a time hath their wrath
bene kindled, so that they would haue

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swallowed vs by quicke: but by thy power their purpose hath bene frustrated, their counsels prevented, their preparations ouerthrowen, and we deliuered. Yet, O Lorde, their heart is set against vs, still to bere & trouble vs that faine would liue in peace. But for the quiet of thy Church, and that thine enemies may knowe thee to be a God of mercy, cause them to returne at last, and not any longer to hate those whome thou hast loued: Make them to see that their plotts & designements are against thee, who for vs fightest against them, drowning their ships, & casting downe their strong holdes in which they doe trust: that thy Name may be glorified in the day of their conuersion. But if they shall still harden their hearts, and will not vnderstand either our defence, or their owne calamitie to come of thee: Make voyde their deuises, disclose their counsels, discover their secret complots, that in the snare which they haue layd for vs, their owne feete may be taken. Finally, O Lord, whensoever they prepare them selues to battaile, take the
defence

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defence of our iust cause into thine hand:
Breake their Nauies, disperse their
Armies, and cast vpon them a feare and
astonishment, that they may tremble at
thy presence, and flye before they be pur-
sued: Graunt this O Lord our strength
euen for Christ his sake. Amen.



Eternall God, Lord of the
Whole Worlde, and guide
of Sea and Land, Who by
thy mightie power sortest to
what effect thou wilt, the Councils and
actions of all men: graciously vouch-
safe to blesse & order vnto happy issue,
the late begunne worke of our gracious
Souveraigne, in the hand of her Nobles
and men of warre, nowe sent out by
Seas, to withstande the Enemies of
her life, her people, and thy Church.
As Guide and Generall of the iourney,
let it please thee (mightie Lorde of
Hostes) to goe in and out before them,
With best fore-Windes and streightest
course to speede and prosper them in the
Way. And whē thou hast brought them
to the appointed place, in a pillar of fire

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giue light to direct their steps, and in a pillar of a Cloude defend them. Put vpon them thy spirit of Counsell and fortitude, & vnder the banner of thy power and protection, let the worke be effected. Courage and imbolden them in the day of conflict, to stand vndaunted & without feare. Make way and opportunitie for them to attempt with aduantage, and for thy Names sake graunt (O glorious God) to their puissant attempts happy successe in battell, to their battell a ioyfull victorie, and to their victorie a safe and triumphant returne. So will we y^e people of thine inheritance, which now we pray for the blessing of thy grace vpon them, praise thy Name for euer, & together with them ascribe both cause and glory of the worke, not to our owne strength, but vnto thy power, who alone giuest victory in the day of battell: and for thy great mercies will giue thankes vnto thee in the midst of the Congregation. Heare vs, O Father, euē for Christ his sake. Amen.

FINIS.

